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Copies of the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Concise Explanation of Relevance

A concise explanation of the relevance of items AC, AG, AI, and AJ is in the form of a copy of a Japanese "Rejection of the Application" mailed July 1, 2003, issued over the corresponding Japanese Patent Application, that was mailed from a foreign patent office and issued in a counterpart foreign application for related U.S. application serial no. 09/687,497, filed October 13, 2000, which refers to the references. The Japanese "Rejection of the Application" mailed July 1, 2003 is listed as item AK and a copy is included herewith. An English-language translation of portions of the Japanese "Rejection of the Application" mailed July 1, 2003 is also included herewith.

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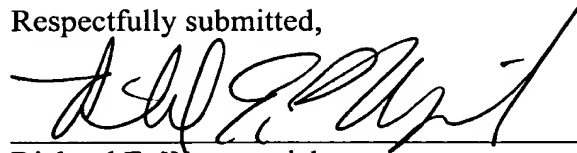
Item AH serves as a priority document for item AA, which is in the English language.

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It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

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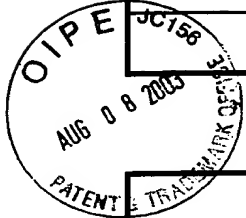
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